

## AMERICORPS FUNDING AVAILABLE

The Utah Commission on Volunteers and the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) announce the availability of federal funds to support new Utah AmeriCorps programs for the 2006/2007 year.

Funding is available on a competitive basis to all community-based organizations, units of government, Native American tribes, nonprofit agencies, and faith-based and educational institutions. Proposals must utilize AmeriCorps to address the most critical environmental, education, public safety, homeland security or other human service needs in Utah's communities. **Programs that are awarded funding will begin on October 1, 2006.** The Commission will consider requests for grants with a minimum of 4 members.

**All applicants must first attend one mandatory technical assistance meeting** in order to become eligible to apply. Five meetings will be held throughout Utah between October 25, and November 18, 2005. For information regarding technical assistance meetings, please contact the Utah Commission on Volunteers at 1-800-755-UTAH (8824)

### Technical Assistance Meeting Dates:

October 25 – 2:00 – 4:00	Grand Center: 182 North 500 West; Moab, Utah
November 4 – 1:00 – 3:00	Five County AOG: 1070 West 1600 South Bldg. B; St. George, Utah
November 10 – 10:00 – 12:00	Boys & Girls Club: 354 South Main; Logan, Utah
November 14 – 1:00 – 3:00	Weber County Library: 2464 Jefferson Ave; Ogden, Utah
November 18 – 1:00 – 3:00	Utah Library for the Blind: 250 North 1950 West Salt Lake City, Utah

For more information about AmeriCorps and the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) go to [www.americorps.org](http://www.americorps.org). For more information regarding technical assistance meetings, please contact the Utah Commission on Volunteers at 1-800-755-UTAH (8824), visit [www.volunteers.utah.gov](http://www.volunteers.utah.gov), or email Candace Powers at [cpowers@utah.gov](mailto:cpowers@utah.gov)

**Deadline for applications is 4 p.m. December 16, 2005**



## Overall Suggestions based on previous AmeriCorps Applications



- The primary focus of AmeriCorps is AmeriCorps. Even though members support the applicants' agency mission and goals, the program must always maintain the separate identity and philosophy of AmeriCorps.
- Applications should *never* refer to AmeriCorps members as staff, employees or workers. They are always to be referred to as AmeriCorps *members*.
- We fund programs which address critical, specific, identified community needs.
- Applications should address all criteria with detail as to how activities will be carried out. Do not only report on *what* you will do, report on *how* you will do it. Be specific.
- Each application should clearly articulate the need for the AmeriCorps program. Define the objectives you have set to meet that need, the activities that make up the objectives and the overall impact these objectives will have in the community.
- Follow the application guidelines for spacing and font. Clearly label any section headings and subheadings.
- Do not include attachments. All important information should be included in the corresponding narrative section.
- Remember that AmeriCorps is one word and has a capital 'C' in it.
- Remember that AmeriCorps is a team-based service program, with the expectation that members come together on a regular basis for member training, inservice and activities.
- Be sure applications address how training will be provided to promote effective citizenship as outlined in the guidelines.
- Be sure member supervision is adequately addressed. Member should be supervised on a regular basis by an identified person.
- Future program sustainability should be addressed. Applications should be specific in their plan and vision to continue the program beyond AmeriCorps.
- Please note all applicant organizations must meet requirements for matching funds. Please see [www.americorps.org/for\\_organizations/tta/index.asp](http://www.americorps.org/for_organizations/tta/index.asp), for the AmeriCorps provisions and [www.americorps.org/about/ac/rulemaking.asp](http://www.americorps.org/about/ac/rulemaking.asp), which explain this more fully.